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Yolanda Ciccone, Presiding Judge of Middlesex Civil Division, Named Assignment Judge of Hunterdon/Somerset/Warren

New Jersey Chief Justice Deborah T. Poritz today announced the appointment of Judge Yolanda Ciccone as assignment judge of Vicinage 13, Hunterdon /Somerset/Warren Counties, effective Sept. 1, 2006, upon the retirement of Assignment Judge Graham T. Ross.

“Judge Ciccone has shown her strong leadership as presiding judge of the civil division as well as her work on various committees. She has been a great asset to the Middlesex Vicinage and I am certain she will be an excellent assignment judge,” said Chief Justice Poritz.

Judge Ciccone was appointed to the bench on Oct. 16, 1991 by Gov. James Florio and was reappointed with tenure in 1998 by Gov. Christine Todd Whitman. She has worked in the court system for her entire professional career.

“I came to work in the Middlesex County Courthouse in 1976, just a few months shy of 30 years ago,” Judge Ciccone said. “I know I leave behind a lifetime of experiences, and I am grateful for the opportunity to begin a new professional life with my new colleagues. I look forward to the experiences and challenges ahead.”

Judge Ciccone holds a B.A. from Rutgers, the State University, Douglass College, and a J.D. from Seton Hall University School of Law. Since her appointment in 1991, she has served in the Civil, Criminal and Family Divisions of Superior Court in Middlesex County. She chaired the Standards for Court Interpreters Committee and has been a participant in the Juror Questioning Model Program.

Judge Ciccone resides in Metuchen with her husband, Michael Guarino, an attorney who practices in New York City, and their daughter Roxanne, a high school senior.

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